GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4548
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FERRYING VIPS IN HELICOPTERS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether civilian copters do not follow Civil Aviation rules strictly;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to ensure that civilian copters follow Civil Aviation rules in true letter and spirit;

(c) whether there is any proposal to ban one engine copters to ferry VIPs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Compliance of Indian Aircraft Rules and Civil Aviation Requirements is mandatory for all aircraft operations including Civilian Helicopters. These Rules are being adhered to by all the operators.

(c):- No, Sir.

(d):- Does not arise.

(e):- Regulations for safe operation of aircraft exist in the form of Civil Aviation Requirements and Circulars issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA). In addition, DGCA has issued instructions for carriage of VIPs in the State Government and private aircraft. Single engine helicopters have also been permitted to ferry VIPs if the performance of these helicopters conform to the regulatory requirements laid down by DGCA for safety in aircraft operations.